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FOR ASST. SECRETARY ROGERS AND AMB. MAILLIARD FROM AMB TODMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SAN JOSE RIO TREATY MEETING

REFS: (A) STATE 133046; (B) STATE 133032; (C) SAN JOSE 2239

1. DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO JUST NOW, I RAISED ALL QUESTIONS LISTED IN REFTEL (A). FACIO EMPHASIZED THAT DESPITE HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, HE IS FULLY PREPARED TO HAVE RESOLUTION OF SANCTIONS ISSUE OCCUR IN SAN JOSE. FACIO EXPLAINED THAT HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS ARE INTENDED TO AVOID BUILD-UP OF TENSION AND TO REDUCE PRESSURES FOR PRESENCE IN SAN JOSE OF EXTREMIST SUPPORTERS OR OPPONENTS OF LIFTING SANCTIONS ON CUBA.

2. FACIO FORESEES FOLLOWING PROCEDURES: ONCE ARTICLE 17 HAS BEEN AMENDED, THEN HE OR PREFERABLY SOMEONE ELSE WOULD CALL FOR A MEETING OF THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL; THE COUNCIL WOULD THEN DECIDE TO CONVOKE THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION WHICH WILL THEN PROCEED TO APPROVE A "FREEDOM OF ACTION" TYPE OF RESOLUTION. FACIO SAID IF THESE ACTIONS WERE TAKEN AT LAST MINUTE, MAYBE THINGS WOULD GO QUIETLY AND SMOOTHLY.

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3. FACIO SAID HE WILL BEGIN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

ON HIGHLY-CONFIDENTIAL BASIS ALONG ABOVE LINE AND WOULD WELCOME ANY ASSISTANCE U.S. CAN GIVE IN THIS REGARD.

4. FACIO SAID REBASA WISHES TO HOST THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION MEETING IN MEXICO BUT WOULD SETTLE FOR CO-AUTHORSHIP OF THE RESOLUTION LIFTING SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA.

5. I GAVE FACIO A COPY OF THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT MFM RESOLUTION ON FREEDOM OF ACTION WHICH INCLUDES THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS REAFFIRMING PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION, URGING VIGILANCE IN DEFENSE OF THAT PRINCIPLE, AND SUGGESTING THREE VARIATIONS FOR DEALING WITH CUBAN QUESTION. FACIO AGREED IT IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO NON-INTERVENTION AND SAID AT FIRST GLANCE ANY OF THREE VARIATIONS FOR LIFTING SANCTIONS APPEARED ACCEPTABLE TO HIM, BUT THAT HE WOULD STUDY DRAFT CAREFULLY. I ADVISED FACIO THAT THIS DRAFT HAD NOT BEEN CIRCULATED TO ANYONE SINCE WE DID NOT INTEND TO TAKE LEAD IN PROPOSING RESOLUTION. WE WERE SHARING IT WITH HIM ON STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS FOR WHATEVER USE IT MIGHT BE TO HIM IN PREPARING EVENTUAL RESOLUTION.

6. I TOOK OCCASION TO POINT OUT OUR STRONG OBJECTION (REFTEL B) TO INTRODUCTION OF COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY INTO RIO TREATY. FACIO SAID HE AGREED THAT THIS SUBJECT DID NOT BELONG IN THE TREATY AND HE DID NOT THINK THERE WAS ANY CHANCE OF IT BEING INCLUDED IN ANY FINAL VOTE.

7. FACIO CONFIRMED THAT THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HOTEL IRAZU. ATTEMPTS TO HOLD IT IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (REFTEL C) HAVE NOW BEEN DROPPED.

8. FACIO SAID HE WILL SHORTLY BE PREPARING A MEMORANDUM TO FOREIGN MINISTRY STAFF OUTLINING COSTA RICA'S POSITION ON ALL ARTICLES OF THE TREATY AND WOULD PROVIDE ME WITH A COPY WHEN THE MEMORANDUM IS READY. SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSIONS AFTER HIS RETURN FROM IRAN ABOUT JUNE 22.

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